

APHIS Annual Agreements Meeting



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New Course for Traceability

- Address producer concerns and strengthen response to animal diseases
- Strengthen import regulations, stricter enforcement of existing regulations, and provide more resources to States to combat emerging diseases
- Implement flexible yet coordinated approach
- Ensure workable solutions evolve from local level



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Fundamentals

- Only apply to animals moving interstate
- More fully complement and intersect with existing disease programs, incorporating ID requirements for programs
- Be created transparently through regulations and full rulemaking process



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Traceability Regulatory Changes

- Publish new animal disease traceability section, allowing for full transparency and public comment
- Apply **only** to animals moving interstate and will compile species-specific ID requirements
- Recognize different traceability needs of various animal species and build on traceability progress



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Collaborative Approach

- Seek ways to capitalize on former progress to support new approach
- Establish performance measures and timelines
- In March, met with State and Tribal leaders
- State, Tribal, and Federal Traceability Regulation Working Group give input to help develop rule and traceability standards and guidance document



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Flexible Approach

- Each State will have flexibility to determine specific approaches and solutions to achieve performance measures; USDA flexible in supporting States ID methods
- USDA will provide information systems States and Tribes may use
- USDA plans to establish advisory committee with representatives from all commodities and underserved communities



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Addresses Concerns

- Respond to outbreaks without overly burdening producers
- **Only** apply to animals moving interstate
- Led by States and Tribal Nations with Federal support
- Allow for maximum flexibility for States and Tribes
- Encourage use of lower cost technology
- Ensure States and Tribes own traceability data
- Be less federally intrusive
- Help overcome mistrust



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Questions?



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